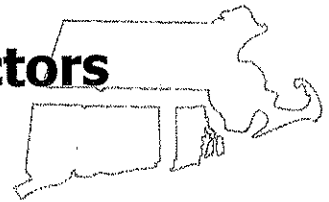




Independent Electrical Contractors of New England, Inc.



TO: The Honorable Tom Colapietro and Jim Shapiro
Rep. Kevin Witkos and Rep. Penny Bacchiocci
Members of the General Law Committee

From: Lisa Hutner, Executive Director

Date: February 25, 2010

We would like to submit the following concerns relative to HB-5230, An Act Concerning the Licensing of Swimming Pool Installers.

The bill gives the commissioner of Consumer Protection wide latitude to define the scope and requirements of the swimming pool installers license. We are concerned that the scope of the license may therefore allow electrical work to be performed by individuals who lack the requisite training and skill.

We therefore recommend that this language be clarified to ensure that such work does not encroach upon the work that should be performed by qualified license holders and that the scope and requirements of such license be developed in concurrence with the appropriate examining board, such as the electrical work board.

The Independent Electrical Contractors of New England is the premier trade association representing Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island independent electrical contractors aggressively working with the industry to establish a free environment for merit shop -- a philosophy that promotes the concept of free enterprise, open competition and economic opportunity for all.

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